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| OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND THEIR      | ) |                       |
| ANALOGS                         | ) |                       |

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2007, in the above identified patent application, time for response to which expired March 27, 2008. An extension of time for one month is filed concurrently, thereby extending the period of response to April 27, 2008. Since April 27, 2008 fell on a Sunday, the Next Business Day Rule applies. Thus this amendment is timely filed.

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